

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 645  
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William D. Manly of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the recent passing of William D. Manly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manly was an exemplary citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born January 13, 1923 in Malta-McConnelsville, Ohio, William Manly worked summers in the family's Brown-Manly plow factory, pouring molten metal into the plow molds; this early experience led to a lifelong involvement in metallurgy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manly joined the United States Marine Corps in 1943, serving until 1946; following his military service, he earned a Master's degree in Engineering from Notre Dame University in 1949; and

WHEREAS, William Manly began his career as a metallurgist at the Union Carbide Nuclear Division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); in 1960 he was named director of ORNL's gas cooled reactor project and served on a technical commission established by President Dwight Eisenhower to help the nation of India develop a nuclear energy program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manly was named director of materials research for Union Carbide in New York City in 1964; the following year he was named director of materials research for Carbide's Stellite Division in Kokomo, Indiana, a world leader in the development and production of super stainless steel specialty alloys; and

WHEREAS, William Manly became General Manager in 1969, and the following year Stellite was purchased by the Cabot Corporation of Boston; he retired in 1986 as Executive Vice President of Cabot's Engineering Products Group and was the holder of five patents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manly served with great ability and acumen throughout his professional career, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; in addition to his corporate experience he served as director of Boston Edison, now NStar, Key Energy Group, Covenant Healthcare and the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, William Manly served as President of the American Society for Metals in 1972-73, a member of the President's Metal Properties Council from 1978-82, a member of several Atomic Energy Commission committees, and was a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society; in 1974 he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering and he had received an honorary doctorate from Notre Dame University, awarded in 2001, a College of Engineering Award from Notre Dame, and the Nathan W. Dougherty Award from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manly played a major role in developing specialty nickel-based metal alloys for defense, space exploration, and industrial purposes; these alloys can be found in various crucial applications, such as the jet engines of most commercial and military aircraft, the re-entry heat shield of the Apollo spacecraft and throughout the chemical process industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Indiana Governor Robert Orr named Mr. Manly a "Sagamore of the Wabash" for his contributions to that state; in a White House ceremony in 1993 President Bill Clinton bestowed the National Medal of Technology on Mr. Manly for his groundbreaking work in the development and processing of advanced high temperature and high performance metals; and

WHEREAS, William Manly gave generously of his resources in support of the University of Notre Dame, the Boy Scouts of America, Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, Indiana University at Kokomo, and Roane State Community College, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manly was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jane, whom he married in 1949 while at Notre Dame and who preceded him in death, and was the proud parent of Hugh Wilkinson, Ann Slutterback, Marc Manly and David Manly; and

WHEREAS, William Manly will be sorely missed by his children, his sister Sonya, his eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren; and a host a friends and former colleagues; and

WHEREAS, William D. Manly leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional engineer, executive and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William D. Manly, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Manly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.